

What is Claimed is:

1. A method of treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising applying to the skin of patients afflicted with such disorders a topical composition comprising an amount of nicotinamide combined with less than 1% by weight of nicotinic acid, the resulting formulation being more effective than said amount of nicotinamide by itself.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises about 1-12% nicotinamide by weight.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said composition comprises about 2-10% nicotinamide by weight and about .005-0.7% nicotinic acid by weight.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein said composition comprises about 3-7% nicotinamide by weight and about .05-0.2% nicotinic acid by weight.
5. A method of treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising adding to the composition of claim 1 other known acne treatment agents.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein said other known acne treatment agents are selected from the group consisting of clindamycin, erythromycin, retinoic acid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid, tazarotene, and metronidazole.
7. A topical composition effective for treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an amount of nicotinamide in combination with less than 1% by weight of nicotinic acid, the resulting formulation being more effective than said amount of nicotinamide by itself.

8. The composition of claim 7 wherein said composition comprises about 1-12% nicotinamide by weight.
9. The composition of claim 8 wherein said composition comprises about 2-10% nicotinamide by weight and about .005-0.7% nicotinic acid by weight.
10. The composition of claim 9 wherein said composition comprises about 3-7% nicotinamide by weight and about .05-0.2% nicotinic acid by weight.
11. The composition of claim 7 wherein other known acne treatment agents are included in the composition.
12. The composition of claim 9 wherein the other known acne treatment agents are selected from the group consisting of clindamycin, erythromycin, retinoic acid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid, tazarotene, and metronidazole.